

Message Text

PAGE 01 NATO 03423 181856Z

70

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 ADP-00 CIAE-00 PM-07 INR-10 L-03 NEA-10

NSAE-00 PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 USIA-15 TRSE-00 MBFR-03

SAJ-01 SS-15 NSC-10 EA-11 ACDA-19 DODE-00 RSR-01

(ADP)W

----- 123821

R 181810Z JUL 73

FM USMISSION NATO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0866

C O N F I D E N T I A L USNATO 3423

E.O. 11652: GDS, 12-31-79

TAGS: PFOR, NATO

SUBJECT: ATLANTIC POLICY ADVISORY GROUP (APAG)

REF: STATE 140185

SUMMARY. COUNCIL AGREED AT JULY 18 MEETING THAT NEXT APAG MEETING SHOULD TAKE PLACE EARLY IN 1974. TOPIC AND SITE WILL BE DECIDED SUBSEQUENTLY FOLLOWING FURTHER DISCUSSION IN SENIOR POLADS. AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD NOTED OUR AGREEMENT TO EARLY 1974 DATE, SITE AWAY FROM NATO HEADQUARTERS, AND TO TOPIC PROPOSED BY CANADA. CANADIAN REP, WITH SUPPORT OF SEVERAL OTHERS, PROPOSED ONE CHANGE IN LATEST APAG REPORT. END SUMMARY.

1. OPENING DISCUSSION, SYG LUNS NOTED THAT FALL 1972 APAG MEETING HAD BEEN CANCELLED ON EXCEPTIONAL BASIS AND OBSERVED THAT THERE WAS SENTIMENT TO CANCEL THIS FALL'S MEETING AS WELL. THERE WAS ALSO PREFERENCE, HE SAID, TO HOLD FUTURE APAG MEETINGS AWAY FROM NATO HEADQUARTERS, BUT HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE NO VOLUNTEERS TO HOST SPRING 1974 MEETING. LUNS SUGGESTED THAT IT WAS "PREMATURE" TO ATTEMPT DECIDE SITE AND TOPIC FOR THAT MEETING AND PROPOSED THAT APAG CHAIRMAN KASTL CONSULT WITH SENIOR POLADS ON THIS POINT AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 NATO 03423 181856Z

TO COUNCIL LATER IN YEAR.

2. AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD ADVISED THAT WE COULD AGREE TO HOLD NEXT MEETING EARLY IN 1974 AWAY FROM NATO HEADQUARTERS

AND COULD SUPPORT TOPIC ON JAPAN'S INTERNATIONAL ROLE PROPOSED BY CANADA. HE NOTED US VIEW THAT IMPLICATIONS OF JAPAN'S ROLE IN WORLD WAS OF IMPORTANCE FOR ALLIES. ASIDE FROM CANADIAN PERMREP (MENZIES) WHO SUPPORTED HIS PROPOSED TOPIC, THERE WERE NO OTHER COMMENTS ON TOPIC. MENZIES ALSO NOTED THAT CANADIAN APAG PARTICIPANTS BELIEVED MEETINGS SHOULD BE ON BASIS OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAPITALS AND COULD TAKE PLACE AT NATO HEADQUARTERS. HE ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SOME (UNIDENTIFIED) ALLIES COULD UPGRADE LEVEL OF THEIR APAG PARTICIPATION. UK PERMREP (PECK) ARGUED AGAINST HAVING APAG MEETINGS ON INSTRUCTED BASIS AND SUPPORTED HOLDING MEETINGS AWAY FROM NATO HEADQUARTERS IF HOSTS CAME FORWARD. IN SUMMING UP, LUNS NOTED GENERAL SUPPORT FOR INFORMAL MEETING ON UNINSTRUCTED BASIS EARLY IN 1974 AWAY FROM NATO HEADQUARTERS.

3. TURNING TO CURRENT APAG REPORT (CM(73)58), MENZIES NOTED THAT OTTAWA COULD NOT ACCEPT JUDGMENT IN PARA 5 THAT SOVIETS WERE LESS "OBSESSED" WITH CHINA THAN VICE VERSA. HE PROPOSED THAT FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA BE REVISED TO READ "THE SOVIET CONCERN OVER CHINA IS AS OBSESSIVE AS THE CHINESE CONCERN OVER THE USSR BUT IT IS LESS IMMEDIATE." MENZIES WAS SUPPORTED ON THIS POINT BY DANISH PERMREP (SWART), WHO HAD PARTICIPATED IN APAG MEETING, AND BY NETHERLANDS PERMREP (SPIERENBURG). APAG CHAIRMAN KASTL POINTED OUT THAT INTENTION OF SENTENCE AND PRECEDING PARA HAD BEEN TO POINT OUT THAT SOVIETS SEE CHINESE THREAT AS PROSPECTIVE RATHER THAN CURRENT. UK PERMREP (PECK) CALLED ATTENTION TO ASSESSMENT IN PARA 19 OF APAG REPORT THAT SOVIET CONCERN ABOUT CHINA AND RESULTING MILITARY BUILD-UP WOULD NOT MAKE SOVIETS MORE RECEPTIVE TOWARDS MBFR. SOVIET MILITARY BUILD-UP ALONG CHINESE BORDER HAD BEEN IN ADDITION TO, NOT AT EXPENSE OF, THEIR FORCES DEPLOYED AGAINST THE WEST. LUNS NOTED NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES SHARED THIS LATTER ESTIMATE.
RUMSFELD

CONFIDENTIAL

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 02 APR 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 18 JUL 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: boyleja
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973NATO03423
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: 11652 GDS, 12-31-79
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: NATO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730767/abqcebfx.tel
Line Count: 92
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: n/a
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: STATE 140185
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: boyleja
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14 AUG 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <14-Aug-2001 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <20-Sep-2001 by boyleja>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ATLANTIC POLICY ADVISORY GROUP (APAG)
TAGS: PFOR, NATO
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005